



Canton Leisure Services earns National Re-Accreditation

Canton Leisure Services ranks among the best park and recreation agencies and departments in the country by once again earning re-accreditation status through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was recently awarded during the 2018 NRPA Congress and Exposition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. The process for re-accreditation involves self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report, and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. To become accredited, agencies must comply with 37 fundamental standards and must meet 95% of the remaining 114 standards.

Canton Leisure Services, originally accredited in 2004, is currently one of only four CAPRA accredited agencies in the state of Michigan and was also previously re-accredited in 2008 and 2013. Leisure Services remains one of only 166 agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation, which is valid for a period of five years.

For more information on Canton Leisure Services' CAPRA accreditation, please visit www.cantonfun.org.

GFL's Holiday collection schedule

Residents are advised to make note of the GFL collection schedule during the holiday months.

November: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, GFL will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste on Thursday, November 22. Residents whose collection date falls on the 22nd will have their refuse, recycling and yard-waste collected on Friday, November 23. Please note, curbside pick-up of residential yard waste will end Thursday, November 29, and will not resume until April 2019.

December: Because Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Tuesday this year, all Monday collections will stay the same. However if your collection day falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday it will be delayed by one day the week of Christmas and New Year's.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. GFL will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org/216 or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

Fire Station Open House

The Canton Fire Department will host its annual Fire Station Open House on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Fire Station #1, located at 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

This year's open house will include station tours, a fire vehicle display, and live demonstrations of the department's extrication equipment ("jaws of life"). Kids will be able to participate in a scavenger hunt, try on fire gear, and go through the department's Fire Safety House. Light refreshments and giveaways will be provided.

The open house is being held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13) to promote fire safety in the community. For further information call the Canton Fire Department office at 734/394-5455.

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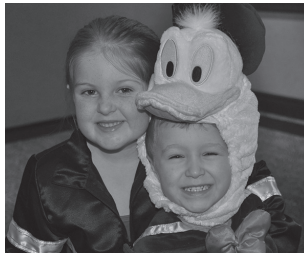
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Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Parade returns

Little super heroes and wonder women are invited to join Canton Leisure Services for



the annual Halloween Trick or Treat Parade through the Summit on the Park on Friday, October 26 from 5 - 8 p.m. Children ages 10 and younger are encouraged to attend in costume and follow the spooktacular path filled with special surprises and little goodies.

The parade features a not-so-scary walk along our trick or treat path that ends with an optional scary Haunted House, which may not be suitable for younger children. Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this event. Tickets will only be sold in advance for \$6 per child for Summit members, \$7 for Canton residents and \$11 for non-residents. A limited amount of fast pass tickets for designated timeslots will be available for purchase beginning October 1 at the Summit Front Desk for an additional \$1 per ticket, while supplies last. Please note that all ticket sales will end October 25, at 10 p.m. and there is a 10-ticket limit per person. No tickets will be sold at the door. Each child must have a ticket to participate regardless of age. Proof of residency will be required to purchase tickets. For more information visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5460.

Neighborhood Know-How planned for November

Save the date for the next Neighborhood Know How event scheduled for Thursday, November 15 at 6 p.m. at Summit on the Park. Check the November Focus for more details and how to RSVP.

Clerk's Comments Election Workers Needed!

The Clerk's Office is accepting applications for the position of Precinct Inspector for the November Election.

Inspectors are needed for the November 6 elections. Applicants must be able to work closely with others, assemble simple voting stations, read and write legibly, perform basic math calculations, follow instructions provided by the Chairperson and possess inter-personal skills to work with a diverse population. Experience using a computer with a windows-based format is required.

Canton's pay scale for working the election is: Chairperson-\$190, Vice-Chair or Electronic Pollbook Inspector-\$180, Inspector-\$160 and Greeter-\$150.

Attendance at an Educational Training program is mandatory and includes \$20 compensation. All inspectors over 17 years old must be a registered voter of the State of Michigan, fill out the application in their handwriting, and be willing to declare a political party affiliation.

Application packets may be picked up in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours. For additional information or to request a packet by mail, please call 734/394-5120.

Canton Chamber to host Innovation Conference

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Innovation Conference, sponsored by Vibe Credit Union, will be held at the Village Theater on October 26 at 9 a.m. This conference features fast-paced TED Talk-style presentations in the following innovation categories: Technology, Change Management, Strategic Partnerships, Talent Strategy, and Company Culture. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in interactive experiences. Breakfast and refreshments will be provided.

Registration is open to all. Tickets are \$25. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.cantonchamber.com or call 734/453-4040

Final Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection on November 3
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at
Wayne County Community College,
21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Goodfellows' annual "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign to include new 5K run/walk fundraiser

The Canton Goodfellows, Canton Leisure Services, and EZ Run Events are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children by hosting a 5K Run/Walk. This first-time event will be held on Saturday, December 1, at the Summit on the Park. For more details, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.ezrunevents.com/xmas-5k-run-walk.

In addition, the Canton Goodfellows are in need of help in a number of ways:

- Sponsoring a child begins by mid-October and involves purchasing clothing and gifts for them. Child sizes, ages, gender and a reasonable "gift wish" are provided. To find out more, email the Canton Goodfellows at cantongfsponsor@gmail.com.
- Short on time but still want to help? Donate by visiting www.cantongoodfellows.org or mail a check to Canton Goodfellows, P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187.
- For more information on how to volunteer or to get involved with the Canton Goodfellows, contact Paula Kosbe, Volunteer Coordinator at 734/394-5191 or pkosbe@canton-mi.org. For more details, visit cantongoodfellows.org.

Canton Historical Society Ghost Stories return

Families can once again take in the Canton Historical Society's Ghost Stories with Judge Ron Lowe, during this annual fall event that will be held on Saturday, October 13. Suitable for ages 8 and up, this scary event will take place from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road.

Tickets include cider and donuts and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park front desk, the White Pole Barn on Sunday's during the Canton Farmers Market and at the door, if supplies last. For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Canton Historical Society seeks board members

Whether you want to learn more about history, meet other history buffs, or just help preserve Canton's rich past, the Canton Historical Society offers valuable opportunities to keep Canton's history alive.

The Canton Historical Society is currently looking to fill three board positions, which will run for a three-year term. Interested individuals should contact the Canton Historical Society at www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org, no later than Monday, October 29.

In the CLS Spotlight

Patriot Park Update

Located on the northwest corner of Ford and Ridge Roads, Patriot Park is currently 134 acres of undeveloped land that was acquired by Canton Township through a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for the purpose of creating a large community park. This new open space will provide both passive and active recreation opportunities.

Access to this rustic park is now available with the installation of a driveway and gravel parking lot area. Visitors to the park may now take advantage of a half-mile crushed gravel trail, during park hours from dawn until dusk.

Please note that no overnight parking is allowed and no lighting has been installed. In addition, no winter maintenance will be provided. Future amenities will include additional trails, a playground, multi-use fields, basketball courts, a pond and more. Future development of the park will take place as funding becomes available.

Additional details about the development of this public space can be found in the Patriot Park Master Plan online at www.cantonfun.org.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton partners with SEMCOG for pedestrian and bicyclist safety campaign

On October 1, Canton will join the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to launch a Walk.Bike.Drive. Safe campaign to help reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in the region. Pedestrians and bicyclists are much more likely to suffer an injury or fatality in a traffic crash than drivers. In fact, while pedestrian and bicycle crashes make up approximately one percent of all traffic crashes, they account for 30% of all traffic fatalities in Southeast Michigan.

As a partner in the regional Walk. Bike.Drive. Safe campaign, Canton asks everyone who uses the roads in Southeast Michigan to consider a few facts before getting behind the wheel, hopping on a bicycle, or stepping onto the sidewalk.

Distractions are Deadly: Walking in the safest place and maintaining awareness of your surroundings are keys to staying safe while walking. It is always a good idea for people who are walking to make eye contact with drivers before stepping onto the road. Using a crosswalk when possible is not just a good idea; it could save your life, as 70% of pedestrian deaths happen outside of a crosswalk.

Avoiding distractions and staying focused on the task at hand will reduce mistakes and prevent mistakes while driving. Most incidents are preventable, as 94% of crashes are due to human error. Keeping two hands on the wheel and two eyes on the road saves lives.

Darkness is Deadly: The most dangerous time to walk or ride a bike is early in the morning or late in the evening. Danger increases as daylight is reduced in the fall and winter months, and 65% of bicyclists' deaths happen in the dark. Bike lights and reflective clothing can help keep cyclists more visible and safer, while drivers should always be on the lookout for people on foot or a bike.

To learn more tips for staying safe, visit walkbikedrivesafe.org

Get your sport on

Registration is now open for the Turkey Trot 5K, Adult Volleyball Teams and Spring Youth Lacrosse. Coed Competitive Volleyball will begin on Friday, November 2 at Summit on the Park. Coed Recreational Volleyball starts on Sunday, January 6.

Canton's own 16th annual Turkey Trot 5K and 1K will be held Thanksgiving morning, winding through Pheasant Run golf course and Heritage Park. This annual event will once again benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. Boys' Spring Lacrosse for Grades 2-8 has limited spots available.

Register for any of these activities online at www.cantonfun.org.

For additional information, call the Canton Sports Center at 734/483-5600.

The Village Theater proudly presents "Monster Mash"

On Saturday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m., The Village Theater at Cherry Hill invites those 21 and over to dance the night away on our stage in a unique Adult Halloween Party! This special event will feature Top 40 Hits and Halloween covers by Atomic Radio. Guests can also participate in games, a costume contest, cash bar and refreshments, as well as a dance party on the main stage, where there will be a bar and tables for seating in between dancing.

Tickets are \$15 for Canton residents and \$20 for non-residents. Get yours online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by calling 734/394-5300, or in person Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at The Village Theater Box Office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Canton Senior Games results

Congratulations to all of the area seniors who participated in this year's Senior Games. Numerous gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to individuals who competed in a variety of events. These friendly games were made possible in part by main event sponsors, including: Heartland Health Care Centers, and Heartland Home Health & Hospice. Trivia games were sponsored by Comfort Keepers – Plymouth. Golf Tournament sponsors included: Blackwell Ford; Dillion's Jewelers; Maximillion Groomers; PM Technologies; Mans Lumber & Millwork; and Carl's Golf Land.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
734/394-5100

Public Safety
(non-emergency)
734/394-5400

Supervisor's Office
734/394-5185

Clerk's Office
734/394-5120

Treasurer's Office
734/394-5130

Water Billing
734/394-5240

Summit on the Park
734/394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
734/394-5335

GFL (refuse collection)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
734/397-0999

Village Theater at
Cherry Hill
734/394-5300



Canton continues Sidewalk Repair Program

In an effort to promote safety and enhance the community's appearance, Canton is continuing its sidewalk repair program.

The following subdivisions will be participating in the 2019 Sidewalk Replacement Program: Bi-Parkview Estates, Cherry Blossom Estates, Franklin-Palmer Estates, Forest Brook 1-2, Glengarry North, Glengarry Village 1-6, Glengarry Woods, Greenbrook Village 1-2, Kingston Estates, Nowland on The Court, Nowland Estates, Pine View Estates, Poplar Ridge and River Park 1-3.

Canton's Utility Inspectors have already begun placing "Green Dots" denoting resident responsibility and "Red Dots" denoting township responsibility on sidewalk in need of repairs.

Property owners with sidewalks in need of repair will receive notification letters from Canton with a cost estimate sometime next year. The letter will also provide a date for the Public Hearing. At the hearing, Canton's Board of Trustees will review all proposed repairs in the community and either approve or deny.

Homeowners have 60 days to complete repairs following the Board's decision. Residents have the choice of letting the township's contractor make the repairs or hiring their own contractor. Residents hiring their own contractor must secure a permit from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division and a permit from Wayne County.

To view an informational brochure on Canton's Sidewalk Replacement Program, please visit www.canton-mi.org or call Canton's Public Works at 734/394-5150.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Now that fall is here, we know that winter and freezing temperatures will soon be upon us. The freezing temperatures can freeze any water that is left in your outside pipes and faucets. This can cause a lot of damage to your home, inside and out. It is important to winterize and turn off the water to your outdoor faucets, pipes, plumbing and sprinkler system.

Many residents plan long winter vacations. It is important to make sure you do not have any dripping faucets or leaking toilets or pipes. Having someone check on your home while you are away is always a good thing.

If you are gone for a lengthy amount of time, we have many ways to pay your bill when you are away:

- **Chase Bank's Pay Connexion**--Enter your water account number to look up your account and schedule your payment. Payments can be made the same day or scheduled for a later date. Payments must be made before 4:30 p.m. to be credited to your account for that date. When using the Pay Connexion system, be sure your bank routing number and account number are correct. Incorrect numbers may result in your payment being returned by the bank.

- **Auto-pay**--Your water/sewer bill will be automatically taken out of your checking or savings account on the due date. You can enroll by filling out the Canton Township Auto-Pay Enrollment form found online and attaching a voided check. You can drop the form off or mail it to our office.

- **Interactive Voice Response (IVR)**. This allows you to make a payment over the phone with your Visa, Master Card, or debit card. It is important to know your six digit account number and the amount due, you may also make a partial payment, please note that Chase Bank does charge a convenience fee of \$3.95 for the transaction. The toll free number is 1-833-679-1711.

Some residents wish to have their water/sewer bill forwarded to a different address while they are away. **Water bills are not forwarded with an address change at the post office.** It is important to contact the water department if you want your bill mailed to a different address, remembering to change it back when you return.

With the changes in season, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe autumn.



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*Community Calendar and Village Theater schedule are subject to change. Check with sponsors to confirm date and information.

FOCUS

FOCUS is published monthly to provide Canton residents with information on issues and events in the community. If you have any comments contact:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 2** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 8** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 9** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 10** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 11** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 12** Canton Clean Up: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 16** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 17** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 20** Coffee with the Trustees. Panera Bread. 41950 Ford Road. 9 – 10 a.m.
- 22** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 23** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 26** Trick or Treat Parade. Summit on the Park. 5 – 8 p.m.
- 27** Canton Clean Up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 27** Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone office hour. 10 a.m. Lower Level Room B.
- 30** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

**Tickets: www.cantonvillagetheater.org
or 734/394-5300 ext. 3**

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER ART EXHIBITION:

“The 26th Annual Fine Arts Exhibition”
October 4--Reception 6:30 p.m.,
Awards 7:30 p.m. FREE.

OCTOBER 6

Blues & Bourbon featuring Thornetta Davis.
7:30 p.m. \$28.

OCTOBER 11-14

Flapper. Spotlight on Youth. Oct. 11-13. 7 p.m.,
Oct. 13-14, 2 p.m. \$16.

OCTOBER 15

Stellar Brass. The United States Air Force
Academy Band. 7 p.m. Free.

OCTOBER 19

The Mersey Beatles (Liverpool-born Beatles
Tribute Band). Lightning Productions, LLC.
7:30 p.m. \$25 - \$49.

OCTOBER 20

Monster Mash – Adult Halloween Party.
7:30 p.m. \$15 - \$20.

OCTOBER 25-28

The Hallelujah Girls. Spotlight Players. Oct. 25-
27, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 27-28, 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

OCTOBER 27

Meneses & Galbraith. Chamber Music Society of
Detroit. 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$30.

OCTOBER 28

Stage Frights. Canton Concert Band. 4 p.m.
\$10 - \$12.